

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 5-16 as follows:

The *T. matsutake* FERM BP-7304 strain was previously filed by the present applicant as a novel strain (PCT WO 02/30440 A1), and was deposited on September 14, 2000, at Independent Administrative Institution, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (former National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology, Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, Japan) at 1-3, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken 305, Japan. This deposit was made under the terms of the Budapest Treaty and the deposit will be made available to the public upon grant of a patent and all restrictions imposed by the depositor on the availability to the public of the deposited material will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of the patent. This *T. matsutake* FERM BP-7304 strain was a mycelium passage strain obtained by cutting out a fruit body tissue from the *T. matsutake* CM 6271 strain harvested in Kameoka, Kyoto, Japan, and culturing the tissue in a test tube. The FERM BP-7304 strain has been maintained in Biomedical Research Laboratories, Kureha Chemical Industries Co., Ltd.